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PROTRACTIVE, *adj.* [from *protract*.] Dilatory; delaying; spinning to length.

Our works are nought else
But the *protractiv* trials of great Jove;
To find perfidious constancy in men.

Shakef.

He suffer'd their *protractiv* arts,
And strove by mildness to reduce their hearts.

Dryden.

PROTREPICAL, *adj.* [from *protrepis*.] Hortatory; suatory.
The means used are partly didactical and *protrepical*; demonstrating the truths of the gospel, and then urging the professors to be steadfast in the faith, and beware of infidelity.

Ward on Infidelity.

TO PROTRUDE, *v. a.* [from *protrude*, Lat.] To thrust forward.
When the stomach has performed its office upon the food, it *protrudes* it into the guts, by whose peristaltic motion it is gently conveyed along.

Locke.

They were not left, upon the sea's being *protruded* forwards, and constrained to fall off from certain coasts by the mud or earth, which is discharged into it by rivers.

Woodward.

By slow degrees,
High as the hills *protrude* the swelling vales.

Thomson.

His left arm extended, and fore finger *protruded*.

Garlick.

TO PROTRUDE, *v. n.* To thrust itself forward.
If the spirits be not merely detain'd, but *protrude* a little, and that motion be confidant, there followeth putrefaction.

Bacon's Nat. Hist.

PROTRUSION, *n. f.* [from *protrusus*, Lat.] The act of thrusting forward; thrust; push.

Bacon's Nat. Hist.

To conceive this in bodies inflexible, and without all *protrusion* of parts, were to expect a race from Hercules his pillars.

Brown's Vulgar Errors.

One can have the idea of one body moved, whilst others are at rest; then the place, it is desired, gives us the idea of pure space without solidity, whereinto another body may enter, without either resistance or *protrusion* of any thing.

Locke.

PROTUBERANCE, *n. f.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] Something swelling above the rest; prominence; tumour.

Locke.

If the world were eternal, by the continual fall and wearing of waters, all the *protuberances* of the earth would infinite ages since have been levelled, and the superficies of the earth rendered plain.

Hale's Origin of Mankind.

Mountains seem but so many wens and unnatural *protuberances* upon the face of the earth.

More.

PROTUBERANT, *adj.* [from *protuberans*.] Swelling; prominent.

More.

One man's eyes are more *protuberant* and swelling out, another's more sunk and depressed.

Glanville's Ceph.

Though the eye seems round, in reality the iris is *protuberant* above the white, else the eye could not have admitted a whole hemisphere at one view.

Ray.

TO PROTUBERATE, *v. a.* [from *protuberans*, Lat.] To swell forward; to swell out beyond the parts adjacent.

Sharp's Surgery.

If the navel *protuberates*, make a small puncture with a lancet through the skin, and the waters will be voided without any danger of a hernia succeeding.

Sharp's Surgery.

PROUD, *adj.* [from *probo* or *puer*, Saxon.]

Sharp's Surgery.

1. Too much pleased with himself.
The *proudest* admirer of his own parts might find it useful to consult with others, though of inferior capacity.

Watts.

2. Elated; valuing himself. With of before the object.
Fortune, that with malicious joy,
Does man her slave oppress,

Proud of her office to destroy,

Dryden's Horace.

Is seldom pleas'd to bless.
In vain of pompous chaffity you're *proud*,
Virtue's adultery of the tongue, when loud.

Dryden.

High as the mother of the gods in place,
And *proud*, like her, of an immortal race.

Dryden.

3. Arrogant; haughty; impatient.
The patient in spirit is better than the *proud* in spirit.

Ecclus.

A foe to *proud* will not the weaker seek.

Milton.

4. Daring; presumptuous.
By his understanding he smiteth through the *proud*.
The blood foretold the giant's fall,

Job.

By this *proud* Palmer's hand.
The *proud* attempt thou hast repell'd.

Dryden.

Proud Sparta with their wheels repel'd.

Milton.

5. Lofty of mien; grand of person.
He like a *proud* steed rein'd, went haughty on.

Pope.

6. Grand; lofty; splendid; magnificent.
So much is true, that the said country of Atlantis, as well as that of Peru, then called Coya, as that of Mexico, then named Tyrambel, were mighty and *proud* kingdoms in arms, shipping and riches.

Bacon's New Atlantis.

City and *proud* feat.
Storms of stones from the *proud* temple's height
Pour down, and on our batter'd helms alight.

Dryden.

The palace built by Pegasus and *proud*,
Supported by a hundred pillars.

Dryden.

7. Ostentatious; specious; grand.
I better brook the loss of brittle life,
Than those *proud* titles thou hast won of me.

Shakef.

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8. Salacious; eager for the male.

That carnal begets in men an impotency unto venery,

observation will hardly confirm, and we have found it fail in

locks and hens, which was a more favourable trial than that

of Scaliger, when he gave it unto a bitch that was *proud*. *Ber.*

9. [Provoc. Sax. is swelling.] Fungous; exuberant.

When the vessels are too lax, and do not sufficiently resist

the influx of the liquid, that begets a fungus or *proud*

flesh.

This eminence is composed of little points, called fungus

or *proud* flesh.

Sharp's Surgery.

PROUDLY, *adv.* [from *proud*.] Arrogantly; ostentatiously;

in a proud manner.

He bears himself more *proudly*

Even to my person, than I thought he would.

Shakef.

Between her white wings mantling *proudly* rows.

Milton.

But vain within, and *proudly* popular.

Dryden.

Proudly he marches on, and void of fear;

Vain insolence.

Addison.

TO PROVE, *v. a.* [from *probo*, Lat. *prover*, Fr.]

1. To evince; to show by argument or testimony.

Let the trumpet found,

If none appear to *prove* upon thy person

Ty helious, manifest, and many treasons,

There is my pledge; I'll *prove* it on thy heart.

Shakef.

So both their deeds compar'd this day shall *prove*.

Milton.

Smile on me, and I will *prove*.

Wonder is shorter liv'd than love.

Waller.

If it *prove* any thing, it can only *prove* against our author,

that the assignment of dominion to the eldest is not by divine

institution.

In spite of Luther's declaration, he will *prove* the text

upon him.

Atterbury.

2. To try; to bring to the test.

Wilt thou thy idle rage by reason *prove*?

Or speak those thoughts, which have no power to move!

Sandy.

Thy overpraising leaves in doubt

The virtue of that fruit, in thee first *prov'd*.

Milton.

3. To experience.

Delay not the present, but

Filling the air with swords advanced, and darts,

We *prove* this very hour.

Shakef. Coriolanus.

Could sense make Marius fit unboun'd, and *prove*

The cruel lancing of the knotty gout.

Davies.

Well I defy'd Evadne's scorn to *prove*,

That to ambition sacrific'd my love.

Waller.

Let him in arms the pow'r of Turnus *prove*,

And learn to fear whom he disdain'd to love.

Dryden.

TO PROVE, *v. n.*

1. To make trial.

Children *prove*, whether they can rub upon the breast with

one hand, and pat upon the forehead with another.

Bacon.

The sons prepare

Meeting like winds broke loose upon the main,

To *prove* by arms whose fate it was to reign.

Dryden.

2. To be found by experience.

Prove true, imagination; oh, *prove* true,

That I, dear brother, be now ta'en for you.

Shakef.

All esculent and garden herbs, set upon the tops of hills,

will *prove* more medicinal, though less esculent.

Bacon.

3. To succeed.

If the experiment *prov'd* not, it might be pretended, that

the beasts were not killed in the due time.

Bacon.

4. To be found in the event.

The fair blossom hangs the head

Sideways, as on a dying bed,

And those pearls of dew the wears,

Prove to be prefiguring tears.

Milton.

The beauties which adorn'd that age,

The shining subjects of his rage;

Hoping they should immortal *prove*,

Reward'd with success in love.

Waller.

When the inflammation ends in a gangrene, the case *proves*

mortal.

Arbutnot.

Property, you see it alter,

Or in a mortgage *prove* a lawyer's share,

Or in a jointure vanish from the heir.

Pope.

PROVEABLE, *adj.* [from *prove*.] That may be proved.

PROVE-DITOR, *n. f.* [from *providitor*, Italian.] One who under-

PROVEDORE, *n. f.* [from *providitor*, Italian.] One who under-

The Jews, in those ages, had the office of *provedore*. *Friend.*

PROVENDER, *n. f.* [from *providere*, Dutch; *providere*, Fr.] Dry

food for brutes; hay and corn.

Tupper.

Good *provender* labouring horses would have.

Let appoint him force of *provender*;

It is a creature that I teach to fight.

Shakef.

Many a duteous and knee-crooking knave

Wears out his time, much like his master's ass,

For nought but *provender*.

Shakef. Othello.

Whence'er

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Whence'er he chanc'd his hands to lay

On magazines of corn or hay,

Gold ready coin'd appear'd, instead

Of poultry *provender* and bread.

Swift's Miscel.

For a fortnight before you kill them, fed them with hay

or other *provender*.

Martinet.

PROVERB, *n. f.* [from *proverbe*, Fr. *proverbium*, Lat.]

1. A short sentence frequently repeated by the people; a saw;

an adage.

The sum of his whole book of *proverbs* is an exhortation

to the study of this practick wisdom.

Deacy of Piety.

It is in praise and commendation of men, as it is in get-

tings and gains; for the *proverb* is true, that light gains make

heavy purses; for light gains come thick, whereas great come

but now and then.

Bacon's Essays.

The Italian *proverb* says of the Genoese, that they have a

sea without fish, land without trees, and men without faith.

Addison.

2. A word, name or observation commonly received or uttered.

Thou hast delivered us for a spoil, and a *proverb* of re-

proach.

Job. iii. 4.

TO PROVERB, *v. a.* [from the noun.] Not a good word.

1. To mention in a proverb.

Am I not sung and *prov'd* for a fool

In ev'ry street; do they not say, how well

Are come upon him his defects?

Milton's Agonistes.

2. To provide with a proverb.

Let wantons, light of heart,

Tickle the senseless ruffles with their heels:

For I am *prov'd* with a grandfire phrase;

I'll be a candle-holder and look on.

Shakef.

PROVERBIAL, *adj.* [from *proverbe*, Fr. from *proverb*.]

1. Mentioned in a proverb.

In case of excesses, I take the German *proverbial* cure, by

a hair of the same beast, to be the worst in the world; and

the best, the monks diet, to eat till you are sick, and fast till

you are well again.

Temple's Miscel.

Delphic and curs'd Leontius must descend

Through hissing ages, a *proverbial* coward.

Irene.

2. Resembling a proverb; suitable to a proverb.

This river's head being unknown, and drawn to a *prover-*